

A) involves the form of connection shown in Figs. 1 and 5 in which flat end surfaces of adjacent wires are connected. The other species (Species B) involves the form of connection shown in Figs. 7, 8 and 10. Examiner Hoekstra indicated that a response to the Official Action should include an election of either Species I or Species II, and an election of either Species A or Species B.

Based on this information provided during the telephone conference with the Examiner, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Species I and Species A. It is believed that at least Claims 1-3, 7 and 8 are readable on the elected species.

The foregoing election is made with traverse because it is believed that all of the claims of this application can be examined at the same time without serious burden. In one respect, the search required for the non-elected species would be substantially coextensive with the search associated with the elected species. In addition, examining all of the claims of this application at the same time would only involve consideration of a few additional claims.

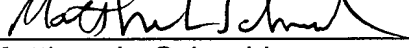
In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the election of species requirement and examination of all of the claims of this application, including at least Claims 1-3, 7 and 8 directed to the elected species, are respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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